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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Hiroshi KASAHARA  
LAMINATE WITH GAS BARRIER PROPERTIES, PRODUCTION METHOD  
THEREFOR, AND PAPER CONTAINER EMPLOYING SAID LAMINATE  
Assignee: JAPAN POLYOLEFINS CO., LTD.  
Our Ref: Q75844



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/744,438 (Confirmation No.5088) filed January 24, 2001, of Hiroshi KASAHARA entitled LAMINATE WITH GAS BARRIER PROPERTIES, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, AND PAPER CONTAINER EMPLOYING SAID LAMINATE, which is the National Stage of PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/03925 filed July 22, 1999.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 5 sheet(s) (Figures 1-10) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1772.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/744,438 filed January 24, 2001, which is the National Stage of PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/03925 filed July 22, 1999; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith including the cancellation of claims 12-21.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	10-210080	July 24, 1998
JAPAN	10-210081	July 24, 1998

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/744,438.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>11</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$750.00

**TOTAL FILING FEE** **\$750.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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